

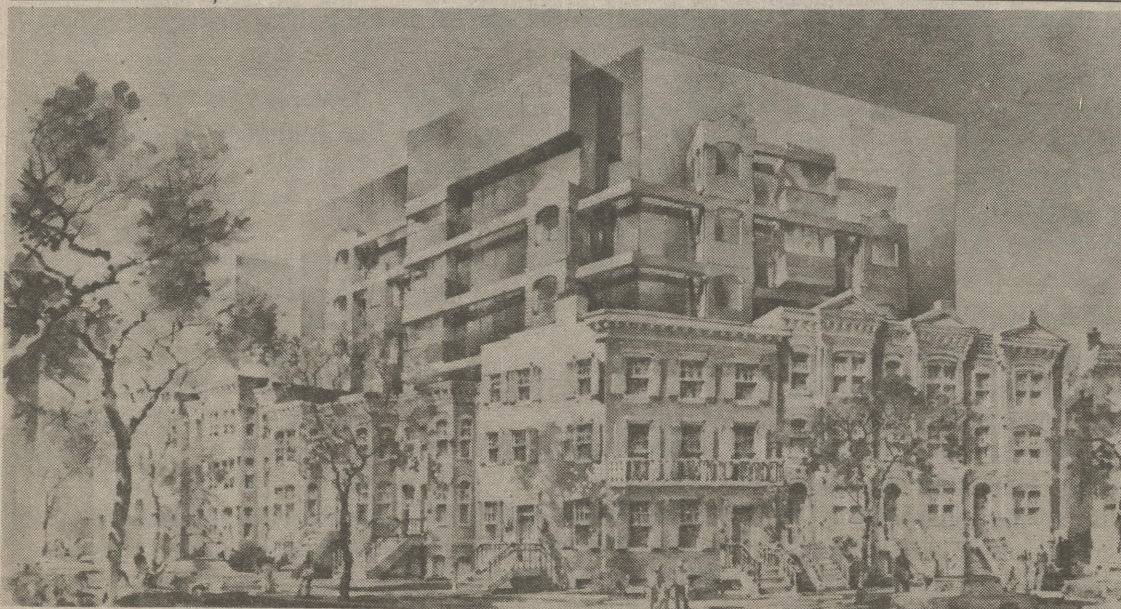


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What's It Going to Look Like

Here is the now and later of "Penn 24," a building under construction on Washington Circle. The building will contain 58,000 square feet of offices, with 36-42 parking spaces available. The zoning requires that the tenants be organizations which are "not for profit," such as foundations or embassies.



Paramedic Unit Transferred Out of Foggy Bottom

The ambulance unit which was staffed by paramedics has been transferred from the fire station at 23rd & M Streets, N.W. to a station at 5th & F Streets, N.W.

The personnel on the "medic" unit, called an advanced life support (ALS) unit, are authorized and trained to start IVs, inject drugs, and monitor the heart, and its equipment is much more sophisticated.

In its place is a unit called a basic life support (BLS) ambulance, staffed by emergency medical technicians who can check pulse, provide oxygen and transport a patient, but do not have sophisticated equipment or the authority to use drugs. The BLS unit at 24th & M Streets is, fortunately, on duty 24 hours a day, but during three of those hours, 6-9 a.m., it is the only one on this side of

town. The nearest BLS units are at Tenleytown or Sherman Avenue (near Children's Hospital). The nearest ALS is the one at Fifth & F, N.W. or on Lanier Place in Adams Morgan.

The change in location stems from a productivity study which determined that there was no need for a medic unit at this firehouse. The head of the Emergency Ambulance Bureau is John M. Cavenagh.

Bishop Corrada to Celebrate Easter at St. Stephen's

By John N. Bobbitt

The Most Rev. Alvaro Corrada, S.J., D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, has chosen St. Stephen's for his celebration of the Easter Sunday liturgy at the 11:00 A.M. Mass. A visit from a bishop is always a great cause of celebration for Catholics and many will enjoy the extra liturgy performed when a bishop is present.

Other Holy Week services at St. Stephen's begin with Palm Sunday, March 19, when there will be blessing and distribution of palms at each Mass. There will not be an Ecumenical Service on Palm Sunday but a service will be announced and held at a later date.

Holy Thursday, frequently called Maundy Thursday, is one of the most beautiful services of the Roman Catholic Liturgy. The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Supper will be held at 6:30 P.M. This year the celebrant will wash the feet of one or two of the "apostles" and then three or four people will

wash the feet of the others. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will immediately follow the evening Mass. Prayers and readings by various members of the laity will be said until 9:00 P.M., followed by benediction.

Good Friday, March 24, the church will mark the Lord's Passion with services at noon and at 6:30 in the evening. The living stations of the cross, dramatized by members of the laity, will be performed at 3:00 P.M.

On Holy Saturday, March 25, the church is quiet all day. The Solemn Vigil of Easter will be celebrated at 7:30 P.M. During this service five adults will be baptized by infusion with water blessed in the baptismal font on Holy Saturday. This is a very inspirational ceremony and new to many Catholics.

Easter Sunday, March 26, the Solemnity of Easter Masses will be celebrated at 9:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 12:30 P.M. and

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MEETING

Foggy Bottom Association

Speaker

Suzanne Ganschinietz
Architectural Historian
D.C. Historic Preservation Office

8:00 P.M. Monday
February 27, 1989

St. Paul's Parish House
2430 K Street, N.W.

Crime Report & Prevention

by Lawrence G. Myslewski

Watch Out!!!

Watching, observing, reporting suspicious activity or crimes in progress — that is the purpose of the **Neighborhood Watch Program**, a small individual effort that, collectively, has such a big, positive impact on our community.

Neighborhood Watch is simply neighbors keeping 'watch' on a neighbor's apartment, on the house next door, or on the street in front of our home. Since half of all home burglaries occur during the daytime hours when alert neighbors could spot criminals and call the police, Neighborhood Watch can make a difference.

Beware of the Daytime!

A glance at the crime record reveals a pattern of crime occurring when so many of our neighbors are at work, out shopping, traveling, or out of town. For January, these burglaries were reported:

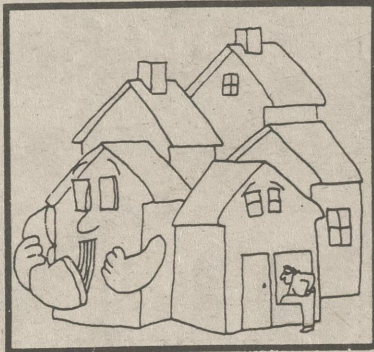
Burglaries in Homes

12/31-1/1 2536 Queen Anne's Ln.
1/1-2 510 21st St.
1/4-5 1200 23rd St.
1/11 955 26th St.
1/18 2555 Pa. Ave.
1/18-1/19 2424 Pa. Ave.
1/25-27 2424 Pa. Ave.
1/31-2/1 1010 23rd St.

Almost half of the burglaries occurred during the daytime. Other crime activity in January included:

Simple Assaults

1/1 2500 Pa. Ave.
1/1 1250 22nd St.
1/6 1709 New York Ave.



10 thefts of property from parked cars in garages and lots

The daytime provided the prime opportunity for two-thirds of the crimes involving automobiles.

Neighborhood Watch: The Neighborhood's Eyes

The Foggy Bottom/West End community has supported this program for many years. Residents in most single-unit blocks and in most multi-unit buildings have organized watch groups.

Only a few blocks and buildings remain to establish neighborhood watches:

2500 Block of I St.
900 Block of 26th St.
Snow's Court
Jefferson House
Swarthmore Condominiums

Police officers in the Community Services Office, 2nd Police District, are anxious to discuss the merits of this program. To learn more about how neighbors and the police work together to spot and prevent crime, call Officer Martha Clark at 282-0050. Officer Clark has been active in Foggy Bottom for many years and has seen the positive effects of the Neighborhood Watch Program.

Special Thanks to Officer Joe Miller

Officer Joe Miller has been one of our main links between the community and the police. Unfortunately, he has been reassigned. Officer Clark has taken over this responsibility. Thanks, Officer Miller, for all of your support and concern!

Robberies in Public Places

1/6 24th & H St.
1/7 1143 N. Hampshire Ave.
1/8 2600 Block of K St.
1/8 2600 Block of K St.
1/9 2514 K St.
1/9 2416 K St.
1/14 2100 I St.
1/15 532 20th St.
1/15 2600 Pa. Ave.
1/16 23rd & G St.
1/28 2000 Pa. Ave.
1/29 500 23rd St.

Once again, almost half of these crimes caught us off-guard during the daytime.

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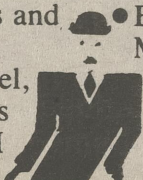
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More than 230,000 people visit the Show annually from around the world and each of them takes time to stroll through the fabulous Flower Show Market Place where more than 100 booths offer everything you need to keep your green thumb happy.

You can join others from this area by contacting Encore! which has a trip scheduled for Saturday, March 11. Encore! is run by FB resident and FBN advertiser Marilyn Rubin. See her ad in this issue for this preview of nicer days to come.



Iona House/St. Mary's Court Luncheon Program Needs You!

It's almost 12:30 and the line is getting long. Occasional laughter drifts across the room and warm greetings can be heard as latecomers to the line see their friends. Lillian Gordon, the Site Manager, welcomes all newcomers to her "family" at the Iona House/St. Mary's Court luncheon program, and what a family it is!

We hope you can join us — please come to eat with us or help us get ready for lunch. It's a wonderful way to have fun getting to know a great group of seniors!

Each weekday, from 40 to 60 seniors come to St. Mary's Court for a delicious lunch. Cooked on site and served cafeteria style, the lunches are fresh and healthy. The modern carpeted room with its wall of windows is bright and comfortable. Lillian makes sure everyone feels at home and gets to know those around them.

With the help of the Iona House Recreation Coordinator,

Lillian plans exciting programs. An anthropology class just recently concluded and a constitution class is soon to begin. A fashion show was a huge success this fall as were the holiday parties.

Mrs. Gordon's days are busy ones; she works from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and has many different jobs to perform. Not only is she responsible for preparation and clean-up in the dining room, but also assisting those who cannot carry their own food trays, ensuring the food line runs smoothly, answering questions about and linking participants with services they may need from Iona House and other agencies, and planning and scheduling programs. While she does have help with some of these tasks from Iona House staff and volunteers, much more assistance is needed.

If you have one lunch time per week or even every other week to help with lunch or lead a program at St. Mary's Court, or if you can come to eat lunch or participate in a program, please call Lillian Gordon at 659-5645 (10-11:30 a.m.) or Sally White at Iona House at 966-1055. Please join us — it's a wonderful "family"!

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FB Residents Take Notice!

Avoid Fines of \$25.00 to \$50.00

Violations of the D.C. law for the proper packaging and leaving your trash outside to be picked up are a serious problem in Foggy Bottom. Foggy Bottom has not been checked in the past, but a concerted effort will now be made to sporadically check the type of bags and the time the trash is left out on the sidewalk (including cans). Violators will be cited and fined.

Frankie Cox, Deputy Chief of Education and Outreach for the Department of Public Works, met with me and together we toured FB streets. I was embarrassed for the manner in which some trash was left outside to be picked up.

Following are the rules in full force and effect:

1. Type of Containers Not Allowed: Thin plastic bags (like Safeway, Giant or the white thin ones). They split and the trash or garbage comes out or is pulled

ed out by rats.

2. Type of Containers Allowed: Trash cans are preferred, with tops. Otherwise, the heavy green or brown bags, such as those used for lawn grass.

3. Collection Days: As you know, Tuesdays and Fridays are the usual pickup days. (But remember trash is NOT picked up on holidays, so do not put out trash on the evening of a Monday holiday as it will not be picked up until Wednesday.)

It is important that the cans or bags be put out the night BEFORE the pickup (not several nights in advance). Early morning on pickup days is also acceptable. But the trucks often are around promptly at 7:00 a.m., so do it early in the morning! Cans are to be taken in no later than the evening of the pickup.

If the above rules are not complied with, the first fine will be \$25.00. If not paid in 14 days, it

doubles to \$50.00.

Tenants and apartment owners who don't have to put their trash out should be just as concerned — not just for the beautification of Foggy Bottom we are striving for, but even more important, to help stem the presence of rodents in Foggy Bottom. It is a known fact that garbage left around attracts and feeds rats.

According to the Dept. of Public Works, property owners are also responsible for the neatness of the sidewalks and gutters in front of their domiciles.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me (342-1139). If I am not in, leave a message on my recorder (your name and phone number) and I will be glad to return your call.

Henrietta Y. Zoltrow
Chairperson

FBA Beautification Committee

Update from CAAN...

Citizens File Suit on Airport Legislation

On November 16, 1988, a suit was filed to determine whether or not certain key portions of the legislation establishing the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority are actually constitutional. The plaintiffs were Citizens for the Abatement of Aircraft Noise (CAAN) along with the Public Citizen Litigation Group (founded by Ralph Nader)

as its attorneys, and two D.C. citizens, John Hechinger and Craig Baab.

CAAN believes that the veto power over decisions by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority held by the nine-member Congressional Board of Review violates the fundamental Separation of Powers Doctrine on which our government

is based. This Board of Review should not have the right to exercise a legislative veto over the executive functions of MWAA.

We know that Congress has a strong interest in the continuity and expansion of air service at National Airport. We believe that because of the threat of the Review Board's veto power, as exercised on the Dulles Ac-



The February 11 ice carving contest, held outside the Westin Hotel, attracted an appreciative audience.

cess Road matter, for instance, MWAA is reluctant to make noise and traffic reduction decisions. MWAA, with Congress looking over its shoulder, is less likely to be responsive to the needs of citizens living and working under the flight paths, we believe. In fact, after two years of hard work, Washington area citizens have gained no real improvement in the noise problems from National Airport. Moreover, contracts are now being let that will pave the way for considerable expansion of capacity and traffic at National Airport.

We believe that the Airports Transfer Law is bad legisla-

tion with regard to environment, safety, and legality.

WE MUST CONTINUE TO SUPPORT the Council of Governments' proposed regulation TO BAN commercial turbojets between 10 PM and 7 AM and permit only Stage III commercial turbojets (the quietest) between 8 PM and 10 PM.

CAAN is circulating a petition in support of the COG recommendations, and copies will be available at the Feb. 27 FBA meeting. Also, FBA's representative to CAAN, David Carney, has returned to Boston; any resident interested in participating in this cause should contact Richard Price, FBA President.

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Columbia Hospital's Dr. Pearson Dies

Jed W. Pearson, Jr., M.D., 74, President of the Medical Staff, Columbia Hospital for Women Medical Center, died January 24, 1989 at Sibley Memorial Hospital following a heart attack. Dr. Pearson's career at Columbia began in 1966. After serving on numerous medical staff committees he was elected President of the Medical Staff in April 1988. He served on the

Board of Directors, Columbia Hospital for Women Foundation, and on the Board of Directors, Medlantic Healthcare Group. In the time he served as President of the Medical Staff, Dr. Pearson contributed to the establishment of the National Women's Health Resource Center, the Betty Ford Comprehensive Breast Cancer, among many other Columbia initiatives.

Lefkowitz to V.P. Finance at Columbia

Susan Lefkowitz has been appointed to Vice President for Finance of the Columbia Hospital for Women Foundation, Inc. and three subsidiary corporations. She joined Columbia Hospital for Women Medical Center in January 1988 as Associate Administrator for Finance and reorganized the functions of the Financial Management Division

of the Medical Center. She will serve concurrently in this capacity as she assumes her new responsibilities as Vice President for Finance of the Columbia Hospital for Women Foundation, Inc. In her new position she will be responsible for all aspects of financial matters at the corporate level of the Foundation and all subsidiary corporations.

A Special Invitation to FB Parents

Want a good bedtime story to read to your child? Stumped by a really tough homework assignment? Want something free to do with your pre-schooler on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning close to home? Need more books to finish that research

project? Want to evaluate different encyclopedias before making an expensive investment? If any of the preceding questions were answered "Yes," the call your local librarian, Cathy Robinson, at 727-1397.

Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, February 27: Foggy Bottom Association Meeting, 2430 K Street, N.W., 8:00 p.m. Speaker: Suzanne Ganschietz, Architectural Historian, D.C. Office of Historic Preservation.

Monday, February 27: Opening of annual exhibit of undergraduate and graduate architectural students' works from the Washington area schools of architecture. Arts Club of Washington, 2017 Eye Street, N.W.

Wednesday, March 1: Guitar recital by Kenneth Tamayo, former GWU student, accompanied by David Saliamonas on piano and harpsichord. Works by Chopin, Yocoh, Falla, Albeniz, Orbon and Rodrigo. GWU Academic Center, Room B-120, 22nd & Eye Streets, N.W., 12:00 noon.

Thursday, March 2: Lenten Organ Recital by Sondra Proctor, Director of Music, Westmoreland Congregational UCC Church. Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W., 12:15 p.m.

Monday, March 6: Faculty Recital by Myrna Sislen, guitarist and adjunct assistant professor of music at GWU. Works by Jeffrey Meyerriek, Leo Bouwer, and Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco. Also, Alan Wade, associate professor of theatre, will read works by Nobel Prize winning poet Juan Ramon Jimenez. GWU Marvin Center, Theatre, 800 21st Street, N.W., 8:00 p.m. \$5 general admission.

Monday, March 6: GWU's Jenny McKean Moore Reading Series. Howard Nemerov, Amer-

ica's Poet Laureate at the Library of Congress, will read his own works (author of poetry, fiction and essay). Winner of Pulitzer Prize, National Book Award and the Bollingen Prize. Strong Hall Lounge, 621 21st Street, N.W., 8:00 p.m.

Monday, March 7 - Monday, March 27: Gregory Peck Film Festival, American Film Institute.

Thursday, March 9: Lenten Organ Recital by Robert W. Lehman, Assistant Organist and Choirmaster, National Cathedral. Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W., 12:15 p.m.

Tuesday, March 14: Slide-Lecture: "A Hilltop in Foggy Bottom: The Early Years of the U.S. Naval Observatory." Columbia Historical Society, 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., 6:00 p.m. reception, slide-lecture, 6:30 p.m. \$2.00/\$3.50 nonmembers. See article elsewhere in this issue.

Tuesday, March 14: ANC Meeting, St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W., 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 16: Lenten Organ Recital by Marvin Mills, Director of Music, All Souls Unitarian Church. Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W., 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 23: Lenten Organ Recital by William C. Crane, American Symphony Orchestra. Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W., 12:15 p.m.

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FB Resident's Opinion on Cooper Houses

Scott B. Carlsen, who lives on 26th Street, recently wrote the D.C. Office of Historic Preservation, prompted by what was happening to the Cooper Houses.

I am writing concerning the Cooper Houses on K Street at 26th. As a three-year resident of the neighborhood I have watched developments concerning the houses with interest and trepidation.

Whether to tear the houses down or have them preserved is an emotional, financial and artistic issue where balance among the competing factions will be difficult to achieve. The houses sit on a valuable piece of land, ripe for development and profits. The houses also are part of an area in Washington that has managed to retain the feeling of being a neighborhood.

I think that it is rather clear that the Cooper Houses are the hostage in a program of "developer's blackmail" whereby a developer will purchase a piece of property and when the necessary building permits are withheld let the property sit and deteriorate until the neighbors clamor for its destruction as an eyesore or blight on the area. The Cooper Houses may become unfortunate victims of someone's idea of progress. The houses should be saved for this reason. Keep in mind how close Washington came to losing the C&O Canal simply because few people were



able to see beyond its condition at that point in time. I have carefully inspected the houses both before and after the fire. Having come from a building and construction background I was very impressed by the quality materials and skills that went into the construction of the houses. I doubt that it would be possible to duplicate the care and exactness used by the builders of the houses. The houses should be preserved as examples of quality workmanship.

In Washington's struggle to grow and prosper I hope that the preservation board will adopt a long-term view and not give into the seemingly easy short-term solutions. After all, the board is not preserving for today for tomorrow. One of the unique aspects of Paris, France is how human its architecture has remained. It is a city that remains pleasing to stroll through, wondering what surprises the neighborhood around the corner might have. Its citizens have chosen to preserve not only the grand buildings, homes and palaces but also the homes of common working men and women. The Cooper Houses should be saved to impart some humanity and understanding of what Washington once was.

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Biz Buzz

by Betty Olsen

Did you see **Phyllis C. Richman's** writeup in *The Washington Post Magazine* recently on The Two Vikings Restaurant on Pennsylvania Avenue? Two Vikings sounds Scandinavian, doesn't it? But it isn't, it's French cuisine with emphasis on seafood. The name is from a restaurant in Bangkok in the first hotel of the world, where the maitre d' once worked as a busboy. He, however, is Thai, as is the waitress and the chefs. Sounds as American as apple pie to me, how about you?

The restaurant is dressed with candlelight, flowers and tablecloths and over the linen cloths are paper ones with a set of felt tip pens for doodling during dinner. The menus are printed in decorative script on a paper bag which is your doggie bag or souvenir from the restaurant. There is a beef flambe dish along with the seafood fare and an occasional Beef Wellington among the specials at Two Vikings, which became a new advertiser in the *Foggy Bottom News* last month.

Steve Holt, the graphic artist who does the ads in the *Foggy Bottom News* for the restaurant, also has art work hanging in the restaurant: waterscapes painted in a super-realist style. Holt's studio is in Alexandria.

The State Plaza Hotel on E Street at Virginia Avenue has a new manager, **Erich Zuri. Marsha Rosenweig** is their account executive handling the advertisements for the hotel. The hotel has also appointed **Ashraf A. El Negdy** as its new Resident Manager. He formerly was at the Ramada Renaissance on New Hampshire Avenue, and worked earlier in London and Cairo.

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Talk about a happy customer: ran into a woman the other night at Safeway who bought the painting in the window of The Watergate Gallery of the street cats in France. She had been looking at the painting through the window and liked it and each time that she stopped by she liked it even more so she decided to buy it and enjoy it at home.

Dale Johnson is owner and a manager of the shop. Stop by and see what she's spotlighting in the window this month.

Gene Westlake, the inventor who patented the Handee-Handle, was pleased to hear the other day from a user of this nifty item. She carried three full plastic bags from the Safeway Emporium with it inserted over the hold straps of all three with narry a twinge of pain from the plastic cutting her hands. The Handee-Handle is available from Westlake by mail for \$1.50 plus 75¢ shipping and handling for each order mailed to Handee-Handle, P.O. Box 53110 (Dept. WB) WDC 20009. It takes 2 to 3 weeks for delivery of this DC-licensed item. Then tuck it into your purse or pocket for your pain-free tote of groceries.

Brian Levey, a lawyer in the city who lives in Foggy Bottom, is taking more law courses at George Washington University to bone up on some special government contracts for his firm. Talk about an upward professional.

Kirsten Olsen who is in the News Department of Fox Television Channel 5 is now also producing for "City Under Siege," with **Ron Gardner** which follows the station's 10 o'clock news.

Olsen was at a National Association of Television Arts and Sciences luncheon recently with **Sheila Tate** as the speaker. Tate was the press secretary for George Bush during his campaign for presidency, you might recall, but has decided to go into PR work now with a private firm.

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Sidewalk Talk

By Betty Olsen

Ex-Foggy Bottomites **Jim and Muriel Bentley** are settled in their new residence on Capitol Hill. Not too long ago they escaped on a Mexican holiday. It was the first time that they had been "South-of-the-border down Mexico way."

Donna Wasilewski visited her sister, **Ellie Becker**, in Foggy Bottom recently, telling all about the Grover's Mill celebration this year of Orson Wells and John Houseman's War of the Worlds radio program aired 50 years ago. Governor Kean of New Jersey and local folks who remembered the blockbuster show were on hand telling stories of how they looked out their doors to see where the



Martians were landing and then returned to their radio sets to hear more about their town's invasion. Grover's Mill is just outside of Princeton, N.J. and is actually and picturesquely on a mill stream. There are around 200 people who call Grover's Mill home.

You can adopt a gargoyle at the National Cathedral for \$15,000. The Medusa is one of only 8 of the 1106 gargoyles unclaimed in its adopt-a-gargoyle program. Other gargoyles left unadopted include a dragon with a bird, a Minotaur, and mother and child. You can claim a \$1 brick to a \$400,000 pinnacle also. The National Cathedral is due for completion on September 29, 1990 — exactly 83 years after the first cornerstone was laid.

Kirsten and I drove/flew down to Mardi Gras in New Orleans this month. Stopped to see family and friends in Chattanooga and Atlanta then returned to the capital city. If you haven't been, it is something you should put on your "things to do list." It is a reallll party.

The feelers are out from **Paula Martin** for her medical internship programs. Martin just graduated from George Washington Medical School and has her medical degree in family practice. "You can send as many inquiries as you like," she stated, "so I sent a bunch of them." Right now she's leaning toward the Southeast for this start on her medical profession. Originally Martin is from Boston, but has been living at The Griffin while she's been in school. She begins her medical internship in March.

Marguerite Steis of Potomac Plaza shared with me a broiled blue fish trick passed on to her by the chef at the Shoreham Hotel. Melt a little margarine at the

bottom of a pan, so the fish doesn't stick, then place it skin down before running the fish topped with dollops of margarine into broiler for about 5 minutes, then turn skin-side up to the flame for about a minute. Take out and squeeze some lemon juice on it, sprinkle with paprika and voila! Steis was standing at the fish counter at the Safeway Emporium telling me her recipe as we were making selections at the fresh fish vendor of the store. She was purchasing — what else — blue fish!

Eric Chasin has purchased and moved into his new residence at 1124 25th Street. And **Susie Rosenkrantz** also decided on a condo at the same address. Welcome to Foggy Bottom, Eric and Susie.

Officer **Joe Miller**, who has been at FBA meetings for many months, has been transferred, and now watches over an area in downtown D.C. His "beat" is around Connecticut Avenue in the K to M Street area, so FB residents who work in that part of town will probably see him frequently. He had a prime location assignment for the Inaugural Parade, right in front of the reviewing stand. It couldn't happen to a nicer guy!

Get well wishes to Potomac Plaza Terraces' **Tim O'Neill**, who is doing a stint in George Washington University Hospital.

Don't forget to look for **T.E. Holden** on Thursdays! Each week he brings his truck laden with fresh seafood to the 2400 block of Eye Street about 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. In season he has produce as well. Holden lives on Chesapeake Bay, and comes weekly with crab, shrimp, clams, scallops and fish, as well as frozen lobster during the proper season. The produce comes from Mrs. Holden's garden.

ANC Meeting Highlights

By Chris Lamb

January 10, 1989

1) Election of Officers for 1989. Richard Palco was elected Chairman of ANC-2A for 1989 replacing Charles Clapp who will serve as second vice chairman. Mr. Palco was the only nominee and was elected unanimously. Ralph Rosenbaum was elected first vice chairman, Sue Schumacher will continue as Treasurer and Beverly Sklover will serve as Secretary. Ms. Sklover is the only new member of ANC-2A. She lives in Columbia Plaza; served 6 years as a city planner for the New York City Planning Commission; graduated from Catholic University Law School; worked on Capitol Hill; and has lived in the District since 1976.

2) West End Apartments Update. On 12/20/88, the city sued George Washington University in Superior Court alleging GW violated the lease agreement as stated in the Bond Act of 1981 and for undermining the tenants' rights of first refusal. The owners of the building also have been sued. The ANC moved to submit a letter to Coun-

cilman Ray supporting the West End tenants.

3) Alley Closing and Housing Linkage Proposal. Council Chairman David Clarke is proposing legislation linking alley closings to moderately-priced housing. Because developers would not build moderately priced housing in Foggy Bottom, the legislation would divert building away from this area. A letter opposing the legislation will be submitted upon further review of the proposal.

4) 25th & N Street Update (Boston Properties). The Board of Zoning Adjustment approved a plan permitting only 3 floors of residential units. The owners originally promised to make the entire unit residential. The ANC will continue to take an adversarial position on the issue and if necessary appeal the BZA decision.

5) F Street Club. The ANC passed a motion to support efforts to declare the F Street Club at 19th and F an Historic Building.

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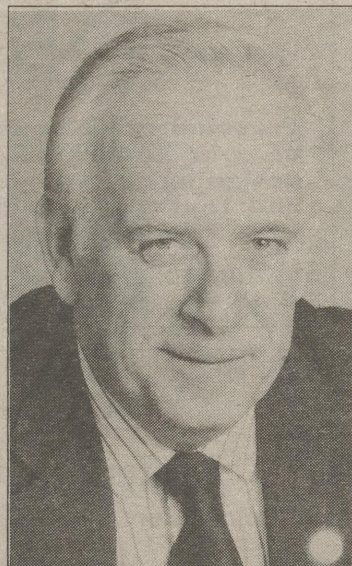
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Faces of Foggy Bottom

By Kirsten Olsen

Name: Charles and Susan Puffenbarger
Address: 2524 I Street, N.W.
Business: GWU Journalism Professor and Journalist
Hobbies: Jogging and Reading

These two new homeowners are no strangers to Foggy Bottom. Charles, referred to as "Puff" by his friends, and students, received his master's degree from the George Washington University, and taught there 17 years part-time before joining the staff full-time three years ago. His new wife Susan — they were married in June — is a journalist and graduated from GWU, although the two didn't meet until after she had received her degree.

So after all this time, why move here now? "I've always been intrigued by Foggy Bottom," says Puff, "and I liked the feel of the neighborhood." Besides Foggy Bottom is convenient to GWU, and the house they had in Friendship Heights was just too big.

"I'm terribly excited by being close to the Kennedy Center," Susan says. She is a big fan of drama, poetry and loves being able to walk to art galleries and theaters. She says she's excited about living in Foggy Bottom because "the people are so nice," and "I can get anywhere I want to go." Not only is she close to the arts and shopping, but Susan's sister Janet Coates lives just around the corner from her in The Elise.

The Puffenbargers moved into the partially renovated townhome a couple of weeks ago, and say they're settling in nicely with their silver tabby cat named "Murphy."

Puff is originally from Fairmont, West Virginia, but he's now been in Washington for many years. For the 17 years he was teaching part-time at GWU, he was working on the City desk and Business desk of *The Washington Post*.

He says his interest in journalism started early. When he was all of nine years old he published his first newspaper — he says he made up all the articles and "scandalized the neighborhood." But following that rocky start, Puff says he stuck with newswriting and received a degree in journalism from the University of Maryland. After working for a paper in Norfolk, and for the Associated Press in Annapolis, Puff came to Washington to work for the *Evening Star*. When that folded, he took off for the University of Illinois and taught full-time for four years. Then one day he received a call from *The Washington Post* and he's been here ever since.

Susan is a native of Arlington, Virginia. She also worked at the *Post* first as a copy aide, and then as an editorial assistant. Currently, Susan isn't employed, but she misses it and wants to go back to work. . . "just as soon as I get these boxes emptied."



Puff retired from being the Assistant Financial Editor from the *Post* to come to GWU as a full-time professor three years ago, and says he loves teaching. His philosophy regarding work is simple, "Do something useful in life and enjoy it." And teaching, he says, fulfills that philosophy.

To be a really good teacher, he says, takes all your time. He teaches five courses, and is teaching three this semester: Basic Reporting, Public Affairs Reporting, and Investigative Reporting. He says reading papers from all those writing courses is a time-consuming task.

But Puff says that down the road is where he can see where he's made a difference. "Mostly I get satisfaction by seeing what students end up as," he says. One of his students now writes for the Associated Press, and another is the national editor at *The Washington Post*.

Puff has been married twice before, and has four children by his first wife, and one by his second. The youngest daughter attends Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda. Puff plans to travel to Arizona over spring break to visit with three of his children, and next year, the Puffenbargers will take a trip to visit some of his wife's family in England.

But just now, Susan says, "I can't see beyond the boxes."

It looks like the Puffenbargers will be in Foggy Bottom for a while. He says, "I like teaching well enough that if they (GWU) let me, I'll stay here forever."

Easter at St. Stephen's. . .

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*Eleanor Dulles and Others Renovating
Slums in One-Time Gas House Area*

(Reprinted from The Washington Star, November 8, 1953)

By Isabelle Shelton

Foggy Bottom, the "old Washington" area which already has gained world attention as the nerve center of the State Department's far-flung activities, appears on its way to a major face-lifting, a la Georgetown.

A person walking through the section any week day would find bricklayers, carpenters, plasterers, painters and a host of other workmen busy refurbishing ancient, decrepit dwellings, many in such a sad state of disrepair that the District government had condemned them for occupancy.

Much of the area — one of the city's oldest — has fallen away to slums. There even is disagreement about its exact boundaries. Roughly speaking, it is bounded on the west by Rock Creek and the Potomac River, on the

south by the Potomac and on the north by Pennsylvania Avenue.

Some would place its east boundary at Twenty-third street. Others would carry it almost to the doorstep of the White House, along Seventeenth Street.

The fading area was given a tremendous boost when the State Department moved into its big, new building in 1947.

The former gas house area, which, incidentally, got its name from the "miasmatic vapors" which arose from its river-edge swamps in the early days of the city, received still a bigger boost a few months ago.

This was an announcement that a huge luxury-type hotel and office building would be erected on the site of what have long been the area's landmarks: the huge, unsightly gas tanks.

The tanks have not been used for some years, but they have remained as a blight on the landscape.

The State Department also is considering about building another new building, across the street from its present one.

But most of the area's facelifting will consist of renovation rather than new construction.

Of particular interest right now, because of the recent hearing before the District Commissioners on the legality of all alley dwellings, is a group of houses being renovated in three courts — Snow's Court, Hughes' Court and Green's Court.

The courts form the interior core of three adjacent blocks between I and K streets, N.W. Snow's Court is between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth streets, Hughes Court between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth, and Green's Court between Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh.

Eleanor Lansing Dulles, the sister of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles and a State Department official in her own right (she is special assistant to the officer in charge of German economic affairs), is fixing over three houses in Green's Court. She will keep one for herself and rent out the other two.

Joseph Robitscher, a George Washington University medical student, and his wife Jean, a former newspaper and magazine writer, are redoing most of the houses in the once-notorious Snow's Court, which is well known to police for its record of petty crimes and misdemeanors.

Ben and Dorothy Burch, who have done similar restorations in Georgetown, and the Robitschers will develop Hughes' Court together, and the Burches also have some houses in Green's Court. A few other people own a house or two.

The most nearly completed of the houses are a row of seven

owned by the Robitschers in Snow's Court. Only the finishing touches remain to be put on the attractive white-painted brick structures. . . .

The 93-year-old dwellings, which had deteriorated into scarcely more than hovels, each occupied by 10 or 12 unfortunate Negroes, were stripped back to the bare brick walls. All interior partitions were removed, and new flooring was laid over the old.

Gas, electricity and inside plumbing, which none of the houses had before, were installed. A brick fireplace was added to each, flanked on each side by shelves or cabinets or a combination of the two. (There are small variations such as these between the houses. There also is variety in the wall above the fireplaces. In some houses the bare bricks extend to the ceiling. In others, the bricks are covered with plaster. Complete air conditioning is available for an extra \$700.)

Each house has two stories plus a basement, and is 12 feet wide by 26 1/2 feet deep. Double french doors have been installed leading to the tiny (12-by-14-foot) newly bricked and fenced patio at the rear of each house.

With the exception of one especially built kitchen. . . the kitchens are completely walled rooms, occupying a corner at the front end of the living room. The doors of each are a pair of shutters, hinged on each side of the door frame and meeting in the center. The louvered shutters permit light to enter the living room through the kitchen window. Each kitchen is equipped with an 8-foot refrigerator with across-the-top freezer space, a red formica-topped sink with garbage disposal unit and an exhaust fan.

The door to the basement also appears to be a louvered shutter, although it is solid wood on the

basement side to keep out drafts.

There are iron grillwork railings on the steps to the second floor.

Upstairs there are two bedrooms, each with a closet and two windows. There also is a tiled bath with skylight and a small linen closet. The larger of the two bedrooms, at the back of the house, looks out at a huge, beautiful, stained-glass window at the back of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

The outside brick walls have been painted a spanking white, and a new red brick stoop and staircase with iron grill railings are being built in front of each. Shutters in authentic Williamsburg colors — a different color for each house — have been added. There is an electrically wired carriage lamp at the side of each front door.

Four of the seven houses already have been sold, and a fifth has been rented. A woman who works for the State Department and her widowed mother have purchased one. A local lawyer has purchased another, as an investment, and the other two were purchased by two women news reporters. One covers Capitol Hill for the United Press, the other covers the Capitol for the International News Service.

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The ministers who attended were Rev. John F. Evans of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Rev. Sidney D. Skirvin of the Church of the Pilgrims, Rev. Michael Morse of United Church, Rev. Thomas J. Sheehan and Rev. Frank J. Bober of St. Stephen Martyr Church, Rev. Robert F. Keffer of GWU Newman Center, Rev. August W. Peters of St. Paul's Parish, and Rev. John W. Wimberly of Western Presbyterian Church.

A letter from President Reagan to the ecumenical gathering

was read by Paul G. Cano, and the President's Thanksgiving proclamation was read by Mort Dreamer, a true Sioux Indian wearing a genuine Indian "war-bonnet" from a South Dakota Sioux Indian tribe. This of course recalled the participation of the Pilgrims and the Indians at the first Thanksgiving celebration in our country.

The music was provided by the United Methodist Church organist and choir, under the direction of Letha Dreyfus. At one point in the service the members of the congregation were invited to approach the altar with gifts of food, money, or something of value for the homeless and poor of our community. Several baskets were generously filled and these items were distributed to the poor on Thanksgiving Day.

"The Delights of Dover, Delaware"

Beyond the Bottom

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Delaware is a skinny state, and the area that today includes Dover was sparsely settled in 1631 by a company of Dutch patrons, who called it "Zwaanendael." The company, however, was not very successful in its colonizing efforts, and the English began taking over the area around Dover's Saint James River in 1670.

Eventually a court jurisdiction was formed, and then in 1683 William Penn chartered Kent



"The Green" at Dover

County and laid out the town of Dover.

The area was an agricultural region, and remained relatively unscarred by the American Revolution, even though many residents were on the side of the British.

But in 1777, the inland location of Dover prompted the legislature to move the government there, thinking that Dover would be less vulnerable to attack from the British than the port town of New Castle (the capital at the time) to the north.

But after the American Revolution, the residents of Delaware, and Dover, suffered under the Articles of Confederation with depressed prices for agricultural goods and an unstable currency. Other states were having the same problems so a convention was called in Philadelphia to revise the Articles.

When delegates from Delaware attended the convention to revise the Articles, Delaware

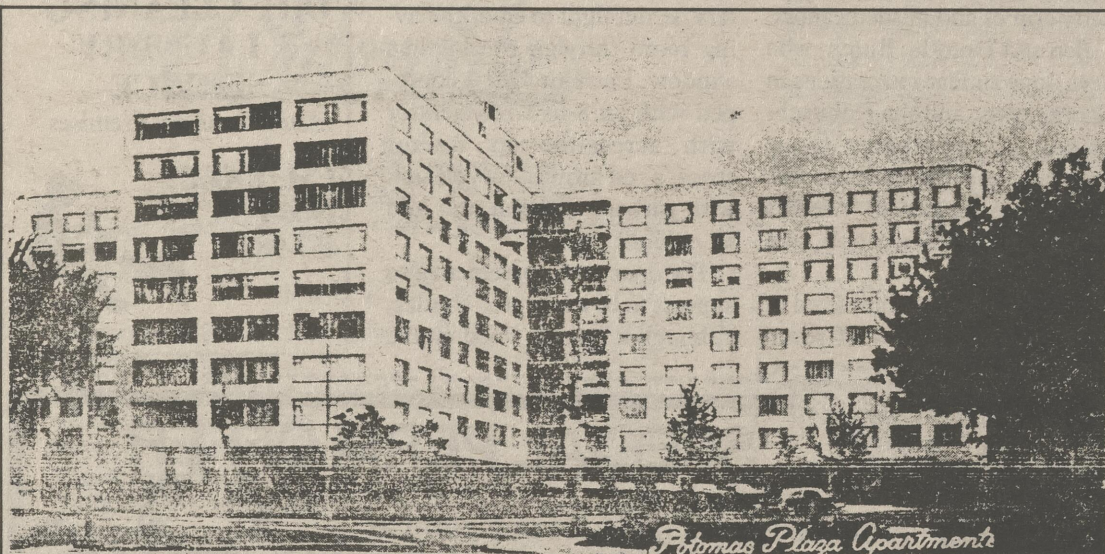
delegates were part of the group that insisted each state should have one vote so the smaller states would not be robbed of power by the larger states.

After the new Constitution emerged, Delaware elected 30 delegates to meet in Dover in the first week of December 1787 to consider ratification of the document. With petitions from all counties favoring ratification . . . the delegates at the Golden Fleece Tavern (still there) formally declared approval.

Other states followed, and the rest of the story (as it's said) is history.

So obviously, when arriving in Dover, the first thing you want to do is visit the area where all that happened. To get to Dover, take Route 50 East across the Chesapeake Bay, and then take Route 301 north. After 20 miles on 301, take a right on Route 300 east to 44 south. That will turn into Route 8 and that will run you right in-

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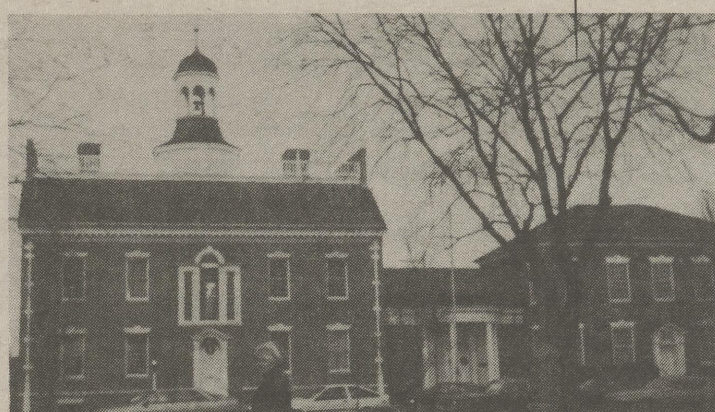
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The State House is right behind the Visitors' Center and is (symbolically) the second oldest seat of government in continuous use in the United States. (In the 1930's, Delaware's General Assembly was moved to the new, and bigger, Legislative Hall across from the Visitors' Center.)

But when it comes to charm, the State House cannot be beat. It has a courtroom on the first floor (ask for the explanation of how the verdicts were transmitted). A double curving staircase leads to the second floor, where the legislative chambers are located. The two chambers look like something out of "Birth of a Nation." (Ask for the story about the giant painting of George Washington in one of the chambers.)

Back outside, take a walk around "The Green" in front of the State House (it's on State Street and Bank Lane). Rimmed with historic houses, it is a quaint, human-sized park. On one side of The Green is the aforementioned Golden Fleece Tavern (it's no longer a drinking establishment — just offices) and on the other side is the Supreme Court of Delaware. If you visit Dover in May, check ahead to find out when the "Dover Days" historical celebration is held on The Green.

If you're facing the Old State House, on State Street, head to your right . . . stroll along, and check out the restored homes. When you get to Water Street, take a left and tour the Christ Episcopal Church, with its wooden-shingled steeple. It was



Delaware's Old State House

inside to see the clean, neat interior, with the needlepoint kneeling pillows. The churchyard, with its brick walkways, is also worth a look. It demonstrates that a cemetery doesn't have to be grim.

Back out on Water Street, head away from State Street, and take a left on Legislative Street. You'll see from the corner the Legislative Hall with a white cupola on top.

Across from the front door, there's a brand-new, huge, flat, bronze memorial to (you guessed it) the ratification of the Constitution. After looking at that, head into the interior of the Legislative Hall. Unlike the white marble of Washington's buildings, the exterior of the Hall is brick, and the interior is painted blue. If the legislature is not in session, you can peek into the chambers.

Back outside, you might be interested in heading to the Hall of Records (to your right as you come out the main door on Duke of York Street) and see the Royal Charter granted by Charles II to James, Duke of York, for the area that became Delaware. In the Hall of Records are also more documents on the ratification of the Constitution.

Now, you face a choice. If you are hungry, or want to move into the 20th century and abuse your bank account, head away from the Hall of Records toward the State House and to the shopping district just ahead. The other choice is to walk (or drive) up a block and take a right on Kings Highway. There, just a block or so at Number 151 is Woodburn, the official Governor's residence which was built in 1790. Tours are available of the house that before the Civil



C-5s at Dover Air Force Base

Here are some other interesting notes about Delaware! The State Insect (yes, insect) is the multi-spotted Lady Bug, the State Bird is the Blue Hen (yes, it's really dark blue), the State Tree is the American Holly, the State Flower is the Peach Blossom and the State Fish is the Weakfish.

War also served as a stop on the Underground Railroad.

After viewing the Governor's mansion, you might want to walk (or drive) around some of the adjacent neighborhood streets and get a feel for the residential nature of Dover.

There's one other stop you should not miss on your trip to Dover, and that's Dover Air Force Base. The base is south of Dover on U.S. 113. Dover Air Force Base is the home of the largest aircraft in the free world, the C-5. Drive down by the air-

craft runway, and if you're lucky, you'll see a line of mammoth green planes lining the runway like so many parked Buicks. The base also has World War II memorabilia on display, as well as a World War II B-17 called "Shoo Shoo, Baby." The number to call to find out about tours is 678-6881.

In addition to the attractions in Dover, you might want to

check out some surrounding attractions like: the 19th century John Dickenson mansion; Barratt's Chapel, known as the "cradle of Methodism in America;" the coastal Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge; the Allee House built in 1753; the Octagonal School House; the Island Field Museum (it's a little farther away) that's built over an on-going prehistoric archeological dig; the Bowers Beach Maritime Museum; the towns of Smyrna, Camden, Wyoming, and Magnolia.

In and around Dover there are also several nice state campsites and bed and breakfast places if you want to stay overnight. So grab a friend, hop in a car, head to the "First State" and get Beyond the Bottom.

CHS Features "A Hilltop in Foggy Bottom"

On Tuesday, March 14, the Columbia Historical Society will present a slide lecture on the early years of the U.S. Naval Observatory. Until it moved to its present headquarters on Georgetown Heights in 1893 the United States Naval Observatory occupied a hilltop in Foggy Bottom for forty-nine years. During that time the Observatory contributed to the capital's intellectual vitality and helped assure American scientific independence. Here Matthew Fontaine Maury, its first superintendent, gained international recognition as the father of oceanography. In the summer of 1877 Asaph Hall, while peering through the largest telescope in the world, discovered two moons of Mars. This single event gave the Naval Observatory an international reputation as one of the finest astronomical laboratories in the world.

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The lecture, to be held at 6:30 p.m., will be preceded by a reception at 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$2.00 for CHS members and \$3.50 for non-members; the location is 1307 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.

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